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Applicant hereby attaches U.S. Patent Office Form PTO-1449, including copies of the references listed therein. These references were cited in the enclosed Japanese Office Action dated February 15, 2011 issued in the underlying Japanese patent application. Applicant wishes to have the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement placed in the patent file. The '520 U.S. Patent is a U.S. counterpart for the JP '291. Applicants are not providing copies of the U.S. Patent Reference as the Office waived the requirement.

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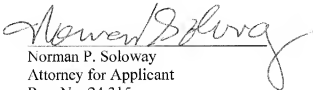
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